

**Child Care and Development Fund**  
**FACT SHEET**  
*August, 2010*  
*Montana*

## **Caseload**

- 6,405 children were served this month in this program
- 3,827 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 10.5% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 22.4% of all families served

## **Children**

- 84.0% of children were served in licensed care
- 12.1% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 120 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 30.0% of all children served
- White children accounted for 79.5% of all children served

## **Families**

- 75.1% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.0% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 86.8% of families were headed by a single parent
- 16.0% of families listed TANF as a source of income

## **Expenditures**

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$451 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 5.9% of the cost and the program paid 94.1%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$439
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$431
- 71.3% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

## **Counties**

- The highest average cost of care was in Pondera County at \$774 per child
- Powder River County ranks first in relative care statewide with 100.0% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Meagher County, where 50.0% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF